

NASCSA NEWS

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Countdown to NASCSA's 25th Annual Conference!

The program for this year's annual conference to take place October 20-23, 2009 at the Doubletree Hotel in downtown San Diego, California has now been posted on the web www.nascsa.org. Brochures should be in the mail by early August, but for those who wish to have a "sneak peak" or make travel arrangements please visit the website.

Make sure to attend our opening reception on October 20, 2009 for an opportunity to network and renew old friendships. Finishing touches are being made to make our 25th Anniversary celebration special. For those attendees who will be staying overnight on Friday night, the Program Committee is currently exploring a group activity on Friday afternoon after the program concludes at noon.

NASCSA Welcomes Our Sponsors for This Year!

The Executive Committee, following hard work by the Membership Committee (comprised of Karen Tannert, Mark Keeley, Stan Tylman and Alan Must) launched a new initiative this year to create sponsorship opportunities for NASCSA. We would like to welcome the following sponsors, which include sponsors for NASCSA.

-See list of sponsors on website at:
<http://www.nascsa.org/sponsors.htm>

For more information on sponsorship opportunities and for a listing of our sponsors please visit our website and make sure to thank them at our meeting or during the year.

It's Not Too Late to Apply for Travel Scholarships

Please note that the deadline for states to submit applications for one of six travel scholarships is July 31, 2009. Travel scholarships will be awarded in the amount of \$1500 each for states to attend this year's NASCSA conference. Scholarship criteria as well as the application are posted on NASCSA's website at www.NASCSA.org. Don't miss your chance!

UPDATE CONTACT INFO

In addition, if your contact information changes, please login using the original email address you originally had subscribed with and update any information (including your new email address and updated contact information)

Dues Notices for 2009-2010 are now due and have been mailed.

State Regulatory Developments

State Regulatory Developments is a monthly compilation by NASCSA of state regulatory actions related to pharmacy and controlled substances. Make sure to visit the "NEWS" section of the website monthly for an up-to-date listing of issues that may be of interest.

From the States

Missouri -According to the St. Louis Post-Dispatch (7/8/09), the Mayor of Washington, Missouri signed an ordinance that immediately barred the sale of products containing pseudoephedrine without a prescription. Reportedly the measure is the first in the country to be enacted. During a public hearing on the matter, presentations were made by the Franklin County Narcotics Enforcement Unit and an area pediatrician who convinced the council that other drugs can easily do the job of pseudoephedrine and that clamping down on products containing it will put a dent in methamphetamine production.

Texas - Texas legislators recently enacted House Bill 2730, which was signed into law by the Governor approves the potential transfer of the Prescription Monitoring Program from the Texas Department of Public Safety to the Texas State Board of Pharmacy. There will be a transition team of both parties who will work on this potential transition.

Volunteers Sought for Annual Conference

The Executive Committee is still seeking attendees at the annual conference to volunteer to serve as a Parliamentarian(s) during one or more business session at the annual conference. The Parliamentarian(s) will assist the Officers in applying Roberts Rules of Order during the conference business sessions. The designated Parliamentarian(s), would be expected to refrain from debate during any session in which he/she serves in that capacity, and would be selected from the list of volunteers. If you are interested in serving, please contact Kathy Keough at 617-472-0520 or kathykeough@nascsa.org.

We hope you have enjoyed our most recent edition of the NASCSA Newsletter. This electronic newsletter is sent periodically to update and inform members and other interested parties of matters that may be of interest. If you have news items to share or other information that may be helpful to our members, please forward to me.

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